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## Fernando, a TLP client in his own words:

I drove up from California with my dog because I got kicked out of my house. My step-father and I never got along. I slept in my car for two nights and didn't have any place to stay. Then someone told me about the Safe Place shelter, and I headed over there right away. After talking with the staff at Safe Place, they thought the Transitional Living Program would be good for me.

I like TLP's staff. They are helpful, but they expect a lot of you. It is sometimes overwhelming and a little stressful, but I have learned a lot of life skills there. I also like the program. It teaches you how to be an adult and to be more responsible. I think it's good that I'm learning how to do a budget, because I worry about money. I am grateful that the program gave me structure to study and work toward my GED.

My goals are to get my GED and get into a college. Someday I would like to have a good job in the medical field.